

MEMORANDUM TO : Acting Chief, ICAPS

SUBJECT : Washington Document Center (WDC)

1. ~~With~~ With reference to your memorandum of 23 September on this subject, requesting ORE to study the matter, prepare plans for taking over the Washington Document Center, and designate a representative to coordinate the arrangements incidental thereto, the following comments are ~~subm~~ offered:

a The operations of the ^{WDC} ~~Washington Document Center~~ are not research operations. Consistently as they do in the translation of captured documents, ~~preparation~~ ~~within~~ the circulation of accession lists, and the preparation of materials in shape for them to be analyzed and ~~evaluated~~ for analysis and evaluation, these operations ^{pertain to} ~~are~~ a collection, ^{and are} ~~operations~~ analogous to the operations of FBIS. It is only when the documents have been translated and have left the ~~Washington Document Center~~ ^{WDC} that the operation of research and evaluation begins.

b This being true, it is inappropriate to place the WDC under ORE, and it will be a ^{serious obstacle} ~~hindrance~~ to the proper staffing of ORE with trained research personnel if a large number of translators and administrative personnel from WDC are charged against ORE.

c It is suggested that the operation of WDC is an appropriate activity for the Office of Operations.

d In view of the above, ORE is not designating